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His Family Joins Him in Sincere Praise of Paine's Celery Compound.



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Gov. Stephens frankly and freely recommends Paine's celery compound. He has been greatly benefited by it, and whenever there is sickness in his family Paine's celery compound is the remedy that is used.

As a witness to the wonderful efficacy of this remedy, especially in spring, the experience of the Chief Executive of the State told in the following letter cannot be slightly passed over.

Executive Department,
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Jefferson City, Feb. 8, 1899.

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Every form of nervous trouble, whether localized in the muscles, heart, brain, or in the nervous system, is cured—by Paine's celery compound.

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Richmond County.

Political Base Ball Personal and Other Notes

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Warsaw, Va., April 20th, 1899.

The Republicans held their convention here on last Saturday to nominate district officers, but after some deliberation they concluded to support the candidates of the Democrats.

The public school closed its session Tuesday.

The college boys played the Warsaw Base Ball Club a match game of base ball Tuesday evening, and the large crowd in attendance took much interest in the contest, which the Warsaw club won with ease.

Mr. A. A. Taliaferro, Democratic nominee for sheriff, was in the village Tuesday mingling with the voters.

Mr. Garland, Republican candidate, was also here looking after his interests.

Judge J. E. Mason held circuit court here on Tuesday and left by steamer Wednesday for his home in Fredericksburg. There was but little business before the court.

The farmers are very busy planting corn, having been thrown back by the cold and wet weather. Wheat generally is looking well.

Mr. W. C. Wallace has purchased a trio of wild turkeys and expects to raise a flock from them this season. They are laying finely and quite tame.

Professor Porter and Mr. Chandler passed through Warsaw Tuesday, the former returning from Lancaster Court House and Mr. Chandler from Emmotts on route to their homes, at Montross.

Idle Hour.

Call it Brutal.

A correspondent in Washington city for a leading German newspaper has received an interesting private letter from Apia concerning events there in March from the German point of view.

The letter begins with a complaint that no regard whatever is shown by the British and American forces towards the Germans. The bombardment had been announced to begin on Wednesday, March 14, at 1 P. M., but no notice, says the letter, was given the Germans.

The commander of the German warship Falko was notified by an officer of the Philadelphia only a quarter of an hour after the cannonading began.

The numerous whites living in the vicinity of the town had no opportunity to take any measures for their personal safety and were not aware of what was going on until shrapnel exploded in their neighborhood. It is due, continues the letter, only to a merciful Providence that no white was killed or wounded.

GERMAN HOUSE STRUCK.

In Vaitete, a cocoa plantation belonging to the German Trade and Plantation Company, on the afternoon of March 15, six shells fell down just around the house. One struck through the roof of the veranda and rent asunder the roof just on the spot where scarcely a minute before the manager of the plantation, Herr Tiedemann, had stood, with an overseer.

The same afternoon three bombs were thrown upon the Voca Mountain, south of Apia, where the French mission has a school for native children, one shell falling down close to the house of the fathers, and another exploding in the immediate vicinity of the house of the sisters.

On March 16 a shell fired from the Philadelphia exploded too soon and a nineteen-pound piece of it was thrown into the building of the German consulate, wrecking a part of it. This event, it is stated, taught the firing parties to use a little more caution in the future.

FRENCHMAN'S STORE LOOTED.

On March 18 a part of the town and the grounds in the rear, the letter says, were searched by an Anglo-American landing party, strengthened by about 100 "friendly" natives, under the command of Captain Sturdee, of the warship Polipoise. The expedition landed in the Matafa quarter of the town, before the house of a wealthy French merchant, and, after a few aimless volleys, the Tann men occupied the house of the Frenchman, battered down the doors and windows, and the letter asserts, helped themselves freely to whatever in the store they could in the hurry lay hands upon.

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the alleged insecurity, maintained a strong guard in the British consulate and did not give shore leave to the crew of the warships, not to speak of other ridiculous measures.

ARRIVAL OF ADMIRAL KAUTZ.

"On March 6 the Philadelphia, under Admiral Kautz, arrived here, when the fate of the provisional government was sealed. Admiral Kautz did not think fit to try to get a just picture of the Samoan situation by extending his inquiries as far as possible. Chief Justice Chambers, who, through his partial judgment, is principally responsible for the present troubles, the English consul, Maxse, and Captain Sturdee were his crown witnesses. A great many Germans well informed on the conditions of the country, and more particularly the German consul-general, were from the beginning not considered.

"The American consul-general did not deem it worth while to give the matter a serious thought and complacently acquiesced in the proposals of Maxse and Sturdee. On March 11 a conference of the three consuls with the Admiral took place on board the Philadelphia, when the German consul protested with due energy against the plan of the Admiral to expel and completely dissolve the provisional government and use of this end the whole force of the men-of-war.

GERMAN CONSUL IGNORED.

"In vain the German representative explained to him that the country was in a condition of perfect tranquillity and that there were no reasons why they should not quietly wait for the decision of the treaty powers. On March 12 Admiral Kautz issued his proclamation, and did not hesitate to state, in the Samoa text, that all consuls were agreed as to the proceeding against the provisional government.

"The German representative, firmly resolving not to have the German warship Falko participate in the impending butchery, issued his counter proclamation. The Matafa men were not allowed the least time for consideration. They evacuated Molino, on Monday, March 13. In order to frighten the Matafa men, all Tann men, though very little inclined to fight against their own people, were armed by the English with rifles and plenty of ammunition.

HOW THE MARINES WERE KILLED.

"Among the victims of the present fighting are also five brave marines, and it is a pity to say that if not all, yet most of them have lost their life through the bullets of their own comrades. That such things may happen is only too easily explained. Officers and crews, in consequence of the continued guard and patrol service, lost the necessary care for the handling of firearms. If a leaf rustles in the night, if an animal moves, immediately the guns and arms are fired; in short, there is an incredible waste of ammunition.

"Of course, as was expected, the anti-German elements in Samoa are already now eager at work to make the German consul responsible for everything, on the ground that he, by refusing to participate in the proceedings of the Americans and English, encouraged the Matafa men to resistance. This charge is easily refuted.

A BRUTAL PROCEEDING.

"The procedure of such brutality as that at present being enacted against Matafa is contrary to all laws of humanity and civilization and ought to have been rejected at the start by the unanimous vote of all consuls.

"How the tragedy of Matafa and his followers will end is not difficult to predict. If the governments of England and America do not put in time a stop to the action of their representatives here they will have on their hands the blood of a good-hearted people driven to death and destruction in maintaining its ancient laws and customs."

From Emperor to President.

President McKinley has received the following from Emperor William of Germany:

"Great and Good Friend:

"In commemoration of the consecration of the Church of the Savior at Jerusalem, which took place on the 31st of October last, which was so important an event for the evangelical portion of Christendom, and in which to my joy, a representative of the evangelical Synod of North America took part, I have caused a number of copies of the artistically executed memorial to be prepared, and take the liberty herewith to send you a copy of this memorial, with the request that you will kindly accept it.

"Accept the assurance of my distinguished consideration.

"William, I. R.

"Berlin Castle, February 12, 1899."

The memorial is beautifully engraved and bears the autographs of Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria. It is a condensed history of Christianity from the birth of Christ.

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LANCASTER.

County Politics—The Lost Cause and Other Subjects Charminglly Treated by Gleaner.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Lancaster, Va., April 17, 1899.

If the "true philosophy of life is to be capable of laughing when the heart aches," as a prominent writer has declared, then much of this true wisdom will be evinced today among the uneasy office-seekers, who will throng upon the Court-house green. There is paternal strife among the Democratic brethren just now, which will subside after the regular county election in May.

The present Commonwealth's Attorney is being opposed by two "dry" men; one his neighbor, Mr. B. H. Robinson, and the other from White Stone, Mr. Wm. Sanders. We cannot blame Mr. Robinson for his feeling slightly exasperated last Saturday, the 15th, at Lancaster Court-house, where his party met for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention to nominate county officers. It seems that a compromise was effected, the friends of Mr. T. J. Downing, the present Commonwealth's Attorney, agreeing to support Mr. T. S. Brent, in consideration of Brent's friends supporting Downing. Mr. Brent is Commissioner of Revenue for this county, and has, it is said, been a faithful officer. Mr. Downing is a neat neighbor of this scribe, and has won many friends by his gentlemanly deportment, but he has a most important opponent in Mr. Robinson, whose large and helpless family, no doubt, is some incentive to his ambition.

We have heard that harmony did not prevail in the other precincts. At Payne's Shop two delegates were selected, and at Litwiltown, we are informed that one faction of the party refused to take part in the proceedings.

The feasibility of deferring the solemn ceremony of "picture unveiling" until the 4th of July has been discussed and will probably be left to the discretion of Judge Wright.

It is said the Confederate veterans are to convene again that day, but what brain is witty enough to harmonize the Fourth of July with the Southern Confederacy?

Why cannot we learn in our patriotism what "the fitness of things" implies, and in much doing "learn to do all things decently, and in order." Since it behooves us to copy the rest of the world, do not let us conglomerate so much, as to heap ridicule upon our selves.

Our forefathers greeted the glorious Fourth with joy and enthusiasm; they, too, were called "rebels," but it was successful rebellion. They crowned the day with garlands of roses; so should we. But let us not of "The Lost Cause"—a thousand times more holy, more precious, because it was lost to us—bring our craps to drape over these roses. Another day, another time congenial to braided hearts for that. It is a very sweet and graceful sentiment that brings the dear old Confederates together from time to time in a social way, to tell of the past in song and in story, but we must admit a little grotesque the sight of a marching soldiery, devoid of practice, and age and infirmity, blending to weigh down the once towering forms. There was a pathos in the scene, but the incongruity of all of it would force itself upon the ladies on the fair grounds, near Kilmarnock, a few years ago, and we laughed and cried by turns.

All of The Free Lance readers we know were interested in the unveiling ceremony, which occurred in Richmond a short time ago. Every heart was touched when the Daughter of the Confederacy was disclosed to view. Would any one, for a moment, indulge in the ill-taste of choosing the Fourth of July, a day of general hilarity, for such a solemn rite?

Some of the faces to be unveiled in our Court-house are remembered by this generation.

Virginians, our countrymen, are looking down upon us from those walls, each in the evolution of time, performing well his part in life as fast as new issues confronted him. If his lips could speak, what would that advocate, King Carter, say to the Democratic assemblage ready to hiss King George, ready to celebrate their nation's independence? Surely you will not violate the sanctity of this lover of royalty by unveiling his portrait on the Fourth of July, for had he lived till 1776 he would most surely have been an uncompromising Tory. Probably his ghost is disturbed by being thus humiliated, for who knows but some of his companion pictures were the descendants of his retainers, and it is said they were not allowed to enter old Christ Church through the same portal that received himself and family.

That the "Stars and Bars" should hang that day with the "Stars and Stripes," may be admissible to a few persons, but the majority are not so thoroughly reconstructed as that. There is surely a "time for all things," with the crowding into the space of one day all the mirth and carousal demanded by the Fourth of July; all the pathos of a lost, but honored cause; all the solemnity due the honored dead.

Well, we have had a blending of the seasons of late. Rain, accompanied by hail; heat and cold by turns, retarding

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the early vegetation.

Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Burwell's mother, will leave next Wednesday for her home in Fluvanna.

Mrs. Mollie Mayo, of Hague, Westmoreland county, will visit her friends here in the near future. She goes to Middlesex first to witness the confirmation of her son, Robert, and from thence to this neighborhood, where she will be gladly welcomed.

Mr. Philip M. Gresham, who was summoned to Richmond as a juror of the U. S. Court, has returned much pleased with his trip. He met with an old acquaintance on the boat coming down, Mr. Sidney Simmonds, son of the late Dr. James Simmonds, of this county. He is a successful pharmacist, and has settled at Fall's Church, Va. If "Sid" resembles his father, he will always be beloved.

Miss Mamie Snead, of "Farmville," spent a portion of last Saturday and Sunday at "Plain View," with her friend, Miss Mary Gresham.

County court commenced today. The number of appeals and removed causes, and the Commonwealth cases on the docket will consume most of the week.

The Democrats held a mass meeting to consider the question of sending delegates to the Senatorial conference. Mr. Warner Ball, in a speech, opposed the movement, but the meeting elected a full delegation.

The Republicans also met and reorganized, with county committee, in accordance with the rules adopted at Stanton convention in 1896. No nominations were made for county officers.

There is a dearth of news in this sparsely settled region. The drummers come and go; the Democrats are quarreling, and the Republicans—"poor things." A body domiciled, with neutrality as companion, makes a poor Gleaner.

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